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In Bill Shinn's September 19, 1980 letter, he described a research project on the nonsmoker issue. Phase I of that project was approved at an estimated cost of \$30,000. The estimate was optimistic.

Since approval of Phase I, visits have been made to outside research laboratories to solicit research proposals. It now appears that Battelle Laboratories of Columbus, Ohio, is the preferred institution to perform the research at an estimated cost of approximately \$70,000. The other two outside laboratories that submitted proposals quoted estimates even higher than this figure.

Since only a \$30,000 commitment to finance Phase I of the research project was requested earlier, I wanted to inform you about the increased cost estimate. It is our opinion that the \$70,000 estimate from Battelle is a reasonable figure based on current research costs.

Unless we hear otherwise from you on this matter by May 22, our firm will proceed to enter into the research contract with Battelle after it submits a final proposal and after favorable opinions have been received from members of the Advisory Group on Environmental Tobacco Smoke.

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If you have any questions about this proposed project, please do not hesitate to call.

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